

## SEARCH REQUEST FORM

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Art Unit: 3732 Phone Number 308 8620 Serial Number: 10/032121  
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Please provide a detailed statement of the search topic, and describe as specifically as possible the subject matter to be searched. Include the elected species or structures, keywords, synonyms, acronyms, and registry numbers, and combine with the concept or utility of the invention. Define any terms that may have a special meaning. Give examples or relevant citations, authors, etc, if known. Please attach a copy of the cover sheet, pertinent claims, and abstract.

Title of Invention: BONE BLOCKS AND METHODS FOR INSERTING BONE BLOCKS  
Inventors (please provide full names): JAMES McKinley; JAMES MARINO; CORBETT STONE

Earliest Priority Filing Date: 05/27/1998

\*For Sequence Searches Only\* Please include all pertinent information (parent, child, divisional, or issued patent numbers) along with the appropriate serial number.

Please search for a method as set forth in claim 26 wherein two inserters are used to insert two or more bone blocks into an intervertebral space.

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|   | Type of Search         | Vendors and cost where applicable |
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# STIC Search Report

## EIC 3700

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### Search Notes

Dear Michael,

Please find below an inventor search in the bibliographic and full-text foreign patent files, as well as keyword searches in the patent and non-patent literature files, both bibliographic and full text.

References of potential pertinence have been tagged, but please review all the packets in case you like something I didn't.

In addition to searching on Dialog, I also searched Google.com, EPO/JPO/Derwent, and Scirus.com.

I pretty much sent you every reference (with a good date) which describes multiple insertion of these intervertebral bone blocks in the hope that you can construe a teaching of the use of more than one "inserter." I am heartened by the fact that your best references found to date are related in some way to much of the foreign art I found. I'm going to hand deliver these results so we can go over them.

Incidentally, the non patent literature was sparse in this area, at least in the time period needed for this application.

Please contact me if I can refocus or expand any aspect of this case.

Sincerely,

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**EIC 3700**

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## Voluntary Results Feedback Form

➤ I am an examiner in Workgroup: 3732 Example: 3730

➤ Relevant prior art **found**, search results used as follows:

- ☐ 102 rejection
- ☐ 103 rejection
- ☐ Cited as being of interest.
- ☐ Helped examiner better understand the invention.
- ☐ Helped examiner better understand the state of the art in their technology.

Types of relevant prior art found:

- ☐ Foreign Patent(s)
- ☐ Non-Patent Literature  
(journal articles, conference proceedings, new product announcements etc.)

➤ Relevant prior art **not found**:

- ☐ Results verified the lack of relevant prior art (helped determine patentability).
- ☐ Results were not useful in determining patentability or understanding the invention.

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